

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device, comprising:  
  
an array substrate including a plurality of pixel electrodes arranged in a matrix manner;  
  
an opposed substrate including a conductive light shielding film having openings at positions opposing the pixel electrodes; and  
  
a liquid crystal layer interposed between the substrates, the liquid crystal layer being formed of liquid crystal having negative dielectric anisotropy exhibiting homeotropic alignment in the initial alignment state, and the liquid crystal being controlled in alignment by an electric field developed by difference in electric potential between the pixel electrodes of the array substrate and the light shielding film of the opposed substrate.
2. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, a projection or an opening formed on the pixel electrode.
3. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, chiral material being added to the liquid crystal layer.
4. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, the pixel electrode formed into a polygonal shape having no acute-angled portion.
5. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, the shape of the pixel electrode being a regular polygon or a circle shape.
6. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, further comprising:  
  
a circular polarization injecting device to inject circular polarization onto the array substrate and the opposed substrate.

7. (Original) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, a pixel pitch being 20  $\mu\text{m}$  or below.
8. (Original) Electronic equipment, comprising:  
the liquid crystal device according to Claim 1.
9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal device, comprising:  
a pair of substrates;  
a liquid crystal layer interposed between the substrates, the liquid crystal layer being formed of liquid crystal having a negative dielectric anisotropy exhibiting homeotropic alignment in the initial alignment state; and  
a voltage applying device that applies voltage to the liquid crystal layer, the voltage applying device including a plurality of pixel electrodes arranged in a matrix and a conductive light shielding film, the pixel electrodes being disposed on one side of the liquid crystal layer and the light shielding film being disposed on the other side of the liquid crystal layer, the pixel electrode being selectively applied with voltage and the light shielding film being applied with a voltage to selectively develop an electric field between the pixel electrode and the light shielding film for controlling alignment of the liquid crystal, the light shielding film having openings at positions opposing the pixel electrodes.
10. (New) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 1, wherein the conductive light shielding film overlaps the pixel electrodes in plan view and surrounds a region of each of the pixel electrodes in plan view.
11. (New) The liquid crystal device according to Claim 9, wherein the conductive light shielding film overlaps the pixel electrodes in plan view and surrounds a region of each of the pixel electrodes in plan view.